

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 16 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1135 (ACCNO 0293) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: WALLACE, MICHAEL JOHN Date Status assigned: 6 Feb 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	E5	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	#
Serial No	- DATA	Height	67 in / 1.70 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	DATA	Weight	160 lb / 72.5 kg	Duty pos	CREWCHIEF
Home State	MICHIGAN	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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INCIDENT LOCATION (0) LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)

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Military Region:	1	
Mission Province:	THUA THIEN-HUE	
(formerly):	THUA THIEN	
Mission District:	A LUOI	
Mission Date:	19 Apr 1968	
Mission Category:	2	3
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Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A #
Grade		Hair	BLACK	Complexion	FAIR
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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

16 March 1976

ON 19 APRIL 1968 *NAME* SP5  
MICHAEL J. WALLACE, CREWCHIEF, WERE PART OF CREW OF A CH47, (#66-19063) ON  
A RESUPPLY MISSION IN THE ASHAU VALLEY AREA, SOUTH VIETNAM. WHILE ON THE  
INITIAL APPROACH INTO LANDING ZONE (LZ) TIGER, THE HELICOPTER WAS HIT BY  
.50 CALIBER AND 37MM GROUND FIRE. THE AIRCRAFT BEGAN EMERGENCY  
AUTOROTATION, AND THE PILOT TRIED TO JETTISON THE EXTERNAL LOAD. DURING  
THIS TIME, THE REAR OF THE SHIP WAS ON FIRE AND THE HELICOPTER WAS  
BECOMING UNCONTROLABLE.

THE GUNNER SAID THAT *NAME* AND SP5 WALLACE JUMPED FROM THE  
AIRCRAFT WHILE IT WAS STILL 50 TO 100 FEET ABOVE THE JUNGLE CANOPY IN THE  
VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) YD 292 086. THREE OF THE CREWMEN WHO  
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A REFUGEE DISCOVERED THE WRECKAGE OF TWO U.S. HELICOPTERS, ONE WITH  
THREE SETS OF SKELETAL REMAINS, IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE NEAR YD 2509. THIS  
POTENTIALLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 1135.

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED  
ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE.  
THESE INDIVIDUALS' NAMES AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE  
FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. *NAME* AND SP5 WALLACE ARE  
CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

16 March 1976

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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

2 April 1992

CASE NARRATIVE PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 30 MARCH 1992  
TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

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=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

16 March 1976

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: *NAME*  
WALLACE 1135

MICHAEL J.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

5 September 1975

CHANGE INCIDENT LOCATION TO YD 291 087, BASED ON HQ 1ST CAV DIV, BOARD  
RPT, INCLOSURE 3 DTD JUN 68.

16 March 1976

SECONDARY SITE OF YD292086 BASED ON RPT, HQ 1ST CAV DIV, 9 JUN 68.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

19 August 1992

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JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY FROM 20 APRIL TO 20 MAY 1992. DURING THE  
INVESTIGATION, THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES, ONLY TWO OF WHICH  
PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELATED TO THIS CASE. THE  
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FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS RECOMMENDED. (REF 3)

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=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

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FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM POSSIBLY CORRELATE TO REFNO'S 1132, 1133, 1134 AND 1135. PHOTOS ARE OF A PIECE OF U/I AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WITH VIETNAMESE ANNOTATIONS AND MAP (ROLL 218/Frames 17-18); AND MUSEUM HISTORICAL REPORT (ROLL 215/Frames 8-10). CORRELATION IS BASED ON DATE AND LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS OF REFNO'S 1132, 1133, 1134 AND 1135. (REF 4)

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VILLAGERS IN SEARCH OF INFORMATION, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. (REF 5)

9 June 1994

ON 7 MAY 94, IE2 TRAVELLED TO PHONG MY VILLAGE, PHONG DIEN DISTRICT, THUA  
THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1135. THE PURPOSE OF THIS  
REINVESTIGATION WAS TO INTERVIEW ONE WITNESS WHO WAS IDENTIFIED BY A  
REFUGEE AS HAVING PARTICIPATED IN A BURIAL OF REMAINS IN 1977. THIS  
WITNESS DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN THE BURIAL OF ANY REMAINS OF MISSING  
AMERICANS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS  
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19 May 1993

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CAMP H. M. SMITH, HAWAII 96861-4044

CASE 1135-1-

02

## NARRATIVE

ON 19 APRIL 1968, ~~NAMC~~, SPECIALIST FIVE MICHAEL J. WALLACE AND THREE OTHER CREW MEMBERS WERE ABOARD A CH-47A HELICOPTER ON A RESUPPLY MISSION IN THE A SHAU VALLEY AREA. THE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 66-19063, WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE, BURST INTO FLAMES, AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YD291087, APPROXIMATELY 45 KILOMETERS WEST-SOUTHWEST OF HUE, 13 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF A LUOI AND 200 METERS NORTH OF LAN NAM, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE. THREE CREW MEMBERS SURVIVED THE CRASH AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RESCUED. ONE OF THE RESCUED CREW REPORTED THAT SPECIALISTS ~~NAMC~~ AND WALLACE JUMPED OUT OF THE BURNING AIRCRAFT ABOUT 30 TO 50 METERS FROM THE GROUND PRIOR TO IMPACT. SEARCH EFFORTS WERE NOT CONDUCTED DUE TO THE HOSTILE SITUATION.

ON 6, 7 AND 9 MAY 1992, A JOINT TEAM VISITED A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES. THE FIRST TWO WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOSS OF A HELICOPTER NEAR THE LOCATION CARRIED IN U.S. RECORDS FOR ANOTHER INCIDENT. THE SECOND TWO WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THE TEAM SURVEYED A CRASH SITE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YD29350880. THE TEAM FOUND INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO RECOMMEND AN EXCAVATION OF THE SITE.

PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING  
THE 31 MAR 94 TECHNICAL MEETING

CASE 1135-1-

02

A U.S. ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM WORKING AT THE CENTRAL ARMED FORCES MUSEUM IN HANOI LOCATED AN ARTIFACT POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH EITHER CASE 1135 OR THREE OTHER INCIDENTS. THE ARTIFACT CONSISTED OF A PIECE OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WITH VIETNAMESE ANNOTATIONS AND A MAP ETCHED INTO THE PAINT. THE MAP IS TITLED, "BATTLE SKETCH OF 19-4-1968." THE MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD INDICATED THE ARTIFACT WAS A PIECE OF HU-1A RECEIVED FROM THE TROOPS OF COMPANY/BATTERY 12, BATTALION 36, TROOP STATION 42.

ON 29 JUNE 1993, A JOINT TEAM VISITED HONG VAN VILLAGE, A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE AND INTERVIEWED A WITNESS WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION POSSIBLY RELATED TO THIS CASE. THE WITNESS, MR. HO VAN TEP, REPORTED DISCOVERING A CRASH SITE SOMETIME DURING 1977. MR. TEP SCAVENGED THE SITE, RECOVERING THREE HEAVY MACHINE GUNS, TWO LARGE ROTOR BLADE ASSEMBLIES AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED WRECKAGE, ALL OF WHICH HE HAS SINCE SOLD. THE TEAM VISITED THE REPORTED CRASH SITE (YD29370874) AND FOUND NO PERSONAL EFFECTS, EQUIPMENT, REMAINS OR BURIAL SITE. THE TEAM ALSO VISITED THE U.S. RECORDED CRASH SITE LOCATION FOR CASE 1135 AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE. THE TEAM THEN WALKED TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE MISSING CREW MEMBERS AND CANVASSED THE LOCAL POPULACE FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE RECOVERY OF REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS OR BURIAL SITES. THE RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

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ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1993, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED "DOWNED AIRCRAFT - RECORD OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN FROM 1965 TO 1975." THE DOCUMENT WAS COMPILED BY THE PAVN GROUP 559, WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOGISTICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL. THE DOCUMENT CONTAINED AN ENTRY WHICH INDICATED THAT THE D3 (D36) UNIT SHOT DOWN 10 HELICOPTERS DURING 19-21 APRIL 1968 ALONG KILOMETER 42-45. THIS ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1135 AND THREE OTHER CASES BASED ON INCIDENT DATE AND AIRCRAFT TYPE.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: NAME

RANK:

DATE OF BIRTH:

RACE: DATA

HEIGHT:

WEIGHT:

HAIR:

EYES:

NAME: WALLACE, MICHAEL JOHN

RANK: SPECIALIST FIVE, U.S. ARMY

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 NOVEMBER 1939

RACE: CAUCASIAN

CASE 1135-1- 02

HEIGHT: 1.70 METERS

WEIGHT: 72.5 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: HAZEL



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## TỜ TƯỜNG THUẬT

Vào ngày 19 tháng 4 năm 1968, ~~NAME~~,

Chuyên viên cấp 5 MICHAEL J. WALLACE và 3 phi hành viên khác là phi hành đoàn trên một chiếc trực thăng CH-47A trong công tác tiếp tế ở thung lũng A Chau. Máy bay, số hiệu 66-19063, bị đạn từ dưới đất bắn trúng, bị cháy và rơi trong phạm vi toạ độ YD291087, khoảng 45 cây số ở phía Tây Tây-Nam của Huế, 13 cây số ở phía Tây Bắc của A Lưới và 200 mét ở phía Bắc của Lan Nam, tỉnh Thừa Thiên-Huế. Ba phi công sống sót sau khi máy bay bị rơi và được cấp cứu. Một phi công báo là ~~NAME~~ và Chuyên viên cấp 5 WALLACE nhảy ra khỏi máy bay trước khi chiếc máy bay sắp bị rơi. Sự cố gắng tìm kiếm không được tiến hành vì tình trạng nguy hiểm.

Vào ngày 6, ngày 7, ngày 9 tháng 5 năm 1992, đội hỗn hợp di huyện A Lưới, tỉnh Thừa Thiên-Huế để điều tra vụ này. Đội phỏng vấn 4 nhân chứng. 2 nhân chứng nói trước cho biết tin tức về cái rơi của một chiếc trực thăng gần vị trí của vụ khác theo hồ sơ Mỹ. 2 nhân chứng sau cho biết tin tức có lẽ liên quan với vụ này. Đội khảo sát hiện trường ở trong phạm vi của toạ độ YD29350880. Đội không tìm được đủ chứng cứ để đề nghị khai quật hiện trường này.

Đội nghiên cứu hồ sơ ở Viện bảo tàng Quân đội ở Hà Nội tìm được một vật chứng có lẽ liên quan với vụ số 1135 và 3 vụ khác. Vật chứng này gồm có một mảnh máy bay và sự chú giải tiếng Việt và một cái bản đồ ở trên mảnh ấy. Cái bản đồ có tên "Bản phác thảo chiến tranh ngày 19 tháng 4

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năm 1968." Hồ sơ nhậm bảo tàng cho biết là cái giả tạo này là một mảnh của máy bay trực thăng HU-1A từ lực lượng của đại đội/khẩu đội 12, tiểu đoàn 36, trạm lực lượng 42.

Vào ngày 29 tháng 6 năm 1993, đội hỗn hợp di xã Hồng Vân, huyện A Lưới, tỉnh Thừa Thiên-Huế và phỏng vấn một nhân chứng, ông Ho van Tep, báo về sự phát hiện một hiện trường trong năm 1977. Ông Tep đã thu dọn hiện trường và thu 3 cái súng máy nặng, 2 cánh quạt của máy và những mảnh máy bay không xác định được, bấy giờ tất cả đã được bán. Đội đi hiện trường (YD29370874) và không tìm được đồ cá nhân, thiết bị, hài cốt hay chỗ chôn gì cả. Rồi đội đi bộ đến vị trí được biết cuối cùng của phi công khác và hỏi dân địa phương cho thông tin về hài cốt đã được khai quật, tư vật hay hài cốt. Không có kết quả gì.

Vào ngày 1 tháng 9 năm 1993, chính phủ Việt Nam đưa ra một tài liệu tên "Máy bay bị rơi- hồ sơ của máy bay địch bị bắn rơi từ 1965-1975". Tài liệu này được nhóm 559 Bộ đội nhân dân Việt Nam biên tập và có trách nhiệm nhiệm tiếp tế và truyền đạt thông tin cho đường mòn Hồ Chí Minh. Tài liệu này có mục cho biết là quân đội D3 (D36) bắn rơi 10 máy bay trực thăng thời gian ngày 19-21 tháng 4 năm 1968 ở giữa những cây số 42-45. Mục này có lẽ liên quan với vụ 1135 và 3 vụ khác căn cứ vào thời gian và loại máy bay.

Những chi tiết liên quan sau đây:

Họ và tên:



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Cấp bậc: NAME

Ngày sinh:

Chủng tộc:

Chiều cao: DATA

Cân nặng:

Màu tóc:

Màu mắt:

Họ và tên: WALLACE, MICHAEL JOHN

Cấp bậc: Chuyên viên cấp 5, Lục quân Mỹ

Ngày sinh: ngày 21 tháng 11 năm 1939

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1.70 mét

Cân nặng: 72.5 kí

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Nâu lục

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 21 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1136-0-02 (ACCNO 5291) Status: (J) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: CESTARE, JOSEPH A Date Status assigned: 24 Jul 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	
Grade	O2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	
Serial No	095688	Height	66 in / 1.68 mtrs	Weapon No	
Birth date	4 Nov 1942	Weight	142 lb / 64.3 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State		Religion		PW Camp	

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 49PAT900500  
Lat/Long: 154839N / 1080621E  
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 1  
Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG  
(formerly): QUANG NAM  
Mission District: DUY XUYEN  
Mission Date: 20 Apr 1968  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: Populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93  
Investigations: Aug 93  
Surveys: Aug 93  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: CRASH SITE  
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: UHIE	Serial: 152436
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: T53
Call Sign: @	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

# = Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.  
\$ = Item is not applicable to this case.  
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.